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April 29, 2009  
Subject: **Swans Island Ferry Terminal**  
Federal Project No: BH-7826(210)X  
State Project No. 007826.21  
**Amendment No. 3**

Dear Sir/Ms:

The following questions have been received:

**Question:** Item 530.70 Timber Piles delivered and installed, sheet W-04 Note #2 All timber vertical and batter piles shall have driven capacity of 16 tons - Please provide pile lengths required or minimum embedment length.

**Response:** Listed are the estimated timber pile lengths as requested. These lengths were estimated using borings from the site and expected subsurface conditions. Because of varying soil conditions at the site the contractor shall review the soil borings logs and make their own pile length estimations.

Estimated Pile Tip Elevations:

North Berthing Fence  
Vertical and Batter Piles: -41 ft. MLLW  
Southern Berthing Fence  
Vertical and Batter Piles: -27 ft. MLLW  
Western Wave Fence  
Slipside Piles: -41 ft. MLLW  
Backside Piles: -20 ft. MLLW  
Eastern Wave Fence  
All Piles: -36 ft. MLLW

**Question:** Spec. Prov. 502 states that Dolphins are Method A. Page 165 of Spec Prov. Refers to reinforced concrete as well as pile fill as being part of the 504.501 Dolphin item. This spec also refers to grout. These are all listed under the Dolphin item so should we assume it is all method A including grout?

**Response:** No - Only the structural concrete for the dolphins as referred to in Special Provision 502 - Structural Concrete (QC/QA Acceptance Method) is done as method A. Pile fill and grout associated with the dolphins are not covered under this QC/QA Method but their cost is included in the overall pay item of 504.501.



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Consider this information prior to submitting your bid on **May 6, 2009**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Scott Bickford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Scott" and last name "Bickford" clearly distinguishable.

Scott Bickford  
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